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Expansion of Delhi Airport
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved expansion plan for the international airport in Delhi, if so, the details of proposed plan;

(b) whether the Government has proposed to increase the passenger handling capacity of the airport, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take any steps to avoid congested shopping clusters at the airport which creates many hardships to passengers, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has adopted criteria for allotting space for commercial purpose inside the airport, if so, the details thereof ;

(e) whether the Government has approached any international firm/company with global experience in air traffic control to assist to improve the hourly aircraft handling capacity of Indira Gandhi International Airport runways; and

(f) if so, the details and the terms and conditions thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. The revised Master Plan 2016 for IGI Airport Delhi has been finalized in May, 2016. The Master Plan 2016 proposes further development of landside, terminals and airside facilities to correspond to the projected traffic growth in next 20 years. It also proposes expansion of passenger handling capacity of IGI Airport from existing 62 MPPA to 109.3 MPPA in a phased manner.

(c) & (d): As per Schedule 1 of Operation Management and Development Agreement signed between Airports Authority of India (AAI) and Delhi International Airport Ltd.(DIAL), the airport operator have to follow IATA Airport Development Reference Manual with regard to design of airport facilities. Section J7.1 of IATA Manual sets out the parameters for usage of space and provides that "at some larger airports up to 20% of the terminal area can be dedicated to airport shops". There is, however, no specific formula for organizing concessions within an airport terminal as the concession mix depends upon the passenger profile and their anticipated spending preferences, thus varies at each airport. The space allotted for various commercial activities at the IGI airport is in line with Schedule 1 of Operation Management and Development Agreement;
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(e) & (f): DIAL has recently engaged NATS, a UK firm which is a global provider of air traffic management consulting services.As part of their engagement, NATS will collaborate with the Airports Authority of India (AA), Air Navigation staff to identify procedures and air space enhancements to maximize the aircraft handling capacity of IGI Airport. This engagement has recently commenced and is a multi-phased project which will be completed over the next twelve months.